

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 95-891-C - ORDER NO. 96-95  
FEBRUARY 9, 1996

IN RE: Request of Fort Mill Telephone Company for ) ORDER  
an Accounting Order Authorizing the ) GRANTING  
Amortization of Unrecovered Investment. ) REQUEST

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for approval of a Request by Fort Mill Telephone Company (Fort Mill or the Company) of the amortization of its unrecovered investment in certain Digital Central Office Equipment over a three period, commencing in 1995. The Company states that it has no plans to seek any rate relief as a result of this request.

Pursuant to the directions of the Commission's Executive Director, Fort Mill published, at its expense, a Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation in the affected areas one time, noting how interested parties could file documents in the matter or intervene. Pursuant to the instructions of the Commission's Executive Director, the Company filed Affidavits of Publication in this matter. The Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina intervened.

Subsequent to the publication of the Notice of Filing, the Commission's Staff conducted a compliance audit of the Company. The Company subsequently filed an amendment to its original

request, stating that it now requests amortization of an estimated \$338,473 over a two year period. The Consumer Advocate subsequently withdrew its intervention in the Docket.

The Commission has examined the request, the Compliance Audit submitted by the Commission's Staff, and the entire record as a whole and concludes that the amended request of the Company is reasonable and should be granted, and that amortization of the estimated \$338,473 over a two year period be approved. We have approved similar adjustments for other companies in similar situations, and find said request reasonable in this case as well.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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